



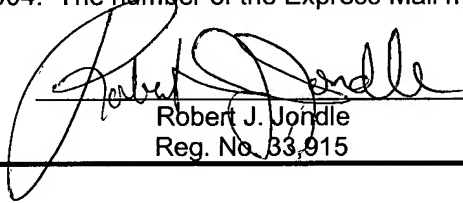
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|  | <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | N1375-002        |
| <i>Title of the Invention:</i> <b>Herbicide Resistant Dinitrogen Fixing Bacteria<br/>and Method of Use</b> |                               |                  |

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 22, 2004, please enter the amendments contained on the following pages, which are summarized below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.